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RENAISSANCE SQUARE LEADERSHIP HOSTS PRESUBMITTAL CONFERENCE

Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** and the Main & Clinton Local Development Corp., the entity formed to manage the Renaissance Square project, today held a Pre-submittal Conference at the SUNY Brockport MetroCenter in downtown Rochester. The conference was held to give prospective architectural and design firms an overview of the project.

"Renaissance Square is a significant capital project that will revitalize our Center City and be an important catalyst for future economic development in Monroe County," said Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks. *"I am proud to work with our partners – including Mayor Johnson, MCC President Tom Flynn, RGRTA CEO Mark Aesch, and Arts and Cultural Council President Sarah Lentini – to make this visionary project a reality. Renaissance Square will be a first-class center for transportation, education and the arts and will be a win for our entire community."*

Participating in the conference with **Brooks** were fellow members of the Renaissance Square Project Leadership Team: Rochester Mayor **Bill Johnson**, Monroe Community College President **Tom Flynn**, RGRTA Chief Executive Officer **Mark Aesch** and Greater Rochester Arts and Cultural Council President **Sarah Lentini**.

More than 100 professional architectural and engineering firms from across the country and Canada attended the event. The conference offered the attendees an overview of the Renaissance Square project and the opportunity to submit questions related to the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued on November 1, 2004.

The RFP/RFQ asks for proposals related to professional architectural and engineering services for the Renaissance Square project. Those services include Design and Associate Architecture services, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering and Construction Consulting.

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Renaissance Square would combine a transit center with a new MCC downtown campus and a performing arts center. The integration of these elements allows federal transportation funds to be used for some design and construction costs of all three components.

The Request for Proposal can be downloaded at the Renaissance Square project website: www.rensquare.org. Proposals can be submitted to the Main & Clinton Local Development Corp. through December 15, 2004.

The Renaissance Square project has been gaining momentum since Governor Pataki mentioned it in the State of the State address in January. Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** and Rochester Mayor **Bill Johnson** have been working together to lobby the state and federal delegations for funding for Renaissance Square – a project that many community leaders see as key to the revitalization of downtown Rochester.

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